

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SECTION 5. Section 91-15(a) of Chapter 91, title "Housing Standards," Montgomery County Code 1965 is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

91-15. Waivers or variances from Chapter.

(a) Relocation housing unavailable. The County Health Officer and the Housing Board of Review are authorized to waive compliance in whole or in part with this Chapter where a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming units and other premises or an area of dwellings and dwelling units cannot economically be made to comply with all provisions of this Chapter without the vacating of such dwelling or dwelling units, and no other adequate housing at a cost which the occupants can afford is at that time available in the County. Provided, that in such cases, waiver shall not be for an indefinite time, but the County Health Officer shall establish a reasonable time to bring such dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit or other premises up to full compliance with the standards set forth in this Chapter. In no event shall the reasonable time established by the County Health Officer to bring such dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit or other premises up to full compliance exceed a period of four years, said time beginning with the effective date of this Act. Nothing in this subsection, however, is to be construed to prevent the reasonable enforcement of this Chapter in such dwellings, dwelling units or areas to put the dwellings or dwelling units or areas in as sanitary and healthful condition as the circumstances permit. The County Executive and Health Officer are authorized to use County facilities to assist in finding suitable relocation housing.

SECTION 6. Chapter 91, title "Housing Standards," Montgomery County Code 1965, is hereby amended to add a new Section 91-19 to read as follows:

91-19. ACTION OF HEALTH OFFICER.

WHENEVER, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER, AN ACUTE EMERGENCY EXISTS WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE HE MAY, WITHOUT NOTICE, CONFERENCE OR HEARING, ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING THE OWNER, OCCUPANT